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Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Colonel James Calhoun, 1867, March 14

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Col. J. Ed Colhoun
from T. G. Clemson

Pendleton March 14th 1867

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Dear Sir

Since reading your letter to Mrs Clemson
I have seen Majr Simpson through whom I made
the acquaintance of the Rev. Edwards. Majr Simpson
speaks very highly of Edwards says that his motives
are pure and that he is an energetic painstaking
person. He vouches for him, and enclosed him
fully to me yesterday. If he succeeds in his
plan he will render the country great service.

I have done what I could and all the asked
to aid him. He has promises from Genl.
Howard of money. The same from Sir Isaac
Newton Comd. of Agriculture in Washington -
also he has ingratiated himself with the
Quakers of Pensa. and from what I know of
them as a people, he will procure from them all
that he requires to carry his scheme into operation.

We are at work with our magazine open.
But unfortunately I can not spend the press to
advocate this paramount of all necessities
They publish what we send them and there they
stop. The lawyers smell the rat and are of not
openly inimical, silent and stubborn. What
they may say or do will not avail in the long
run, but much time is lost by this

lethargic epidemic which appears to have fallen
upon all the population of the State. When I started
all Mood aloof shrugged their shoulders and
even laughed at so European and as they thought
quixotic moves. Now that the money is
actually come, and more coming, all want
a finger in the pocket. A great many have
axes to grind. Your letter donating for a
location was published in the Anderson paper
with a few remarks by myself. I suppose you
have seen it. I sent it North and will have
a good effect. If I was reconciled by the people
of Carolina. I feel confident that I could
raise the commonwealth out of the "bough of des-
pond" I would put the Blue R R through
I would bring to the State money and Europeans
of the best order of emigrants. But there stands
Hemholin & such men of John B. Stovane who
move the wires their way and O W and such
have their schemes. I would willingly give
you aid as to leasing your mine if I knew upon
what points I could serve you. Some of the
gentlemen want me to go North see Anti-Slavery
body &c but I have no money & time at my
disposal now. However they say I must go & Volens
Volens and are making a great effort to raise more
as witnesses. If I can see